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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has any scheme that aim to train jail inmates across the country;

(b) if so, the role the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) plays in skill development among inmates of prisons across the country;

(c) whether the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) have specific provision with regard to skill development of inmates and if so, the achievement made in this regard;

(d) whether the Centre maintains a record of how many States have incorporated skill development programmes in prisons in order to facilitate jail to civil life transition of inmates and if so, State-wise details thereof; and

(e) whether industries and voluntary organizations have been involved with States in support of such a programme and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

(a) to (e) "Prisons" is a State subject as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and management of jails, including skilling of inmates is primarily the responsibility of the States. However, training of prisoners in various vocational skills has received a lot of importance in almost all the States/Union Territories and these programmes are organized by the jail authorities with the help of State Government/industry/other voluntary organizations from time to time.

Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 2015-16, 851 inmates of Tihar Jail, Delhi were enrolled and trained in a range of trades including Beauty and Wellness, Retail, Data Entry Operator, Electrician, Hospitality, Telecom, Customer Care Executive, Sewing Machine Operator etc. through two training partners of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

PMKVY has been further extended for four years (2016-2020) to train 10 million youth of the country with an outlay of Rs. 12000 crore. Under PMKVY 2016-20, training allocation of 480 inmates of Central Jail, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh has been done.